GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4490
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2003
SUPREME COURT JUDGEMENT ON GROUND WATER LEVEL
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has pronounced any judgment in regard to ground water-level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Supreme Court of India videtheir Order dated 10.12.1996 in I.A.No.32 in W.P.(C) No. 4677 of1985 had taken cognizance of falling ground water level in some parts of the country and directed the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment and Forests to constitute the Central Ground Water Board as an Authority under Section 3(3) of Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 for the purpose of regulation and control of ground water management and development. In pursuance of the order of the Honorable Court, the Central Ground WaterBoard has been constituted as an Authority vide Ministry of Environment & Forest's Notification dated 14.01.1997.